

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are now present in this application.

The specification, abstract, and claims 1 and 7 have been amended, and claims 11-17 have been presented. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The disclosure stands objected to for an informality. Because the vibration absorption members are now referred to by reference numeral "13" throughout the specification, this objection should now be overcome.

The Examiner has objected to "the resilient members" in claims 7-9. This phrase is now used throughout the claims instead of the "resilient elements." Also, it is noted that the fastening "portions" are consistently referred to. As such, any objection to the claims should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Montoya et al., U.S. Patent 6,421,236. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Montoya et al. in view of Tanzer et al., U.S. Patent 6,661,651. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Montoya et al. reference teaches a hot swap disk drive carrier and disk drive bay. The Fig. 1 arrangement of this patent has been utilized by the Examiner. In Fig. 1, however, a drawer body itself having an accommodating space for receiving a plurality of digital data storage devices is not disclosed.

The present invention provides for a drawer body having at least one accommodating space for receiving the digital data storage device. The accommodating space is arranged in the drawer body as shown in Fig. 1, for example. However, the drawer body in Montoya et al. is a

frame 101, a structure composed of two arms and a base (two U-shaped support structures). Therefore, the digital storage device is received by attaching the storage device to the two arms of the drawer body, so as to form a part of the support structure of the drawer (see Fig. 1 and column 2, lines 49-59), or received by inserting an air baffle 160 (see Fig. 1 and column 3, lines 24-29) as the accommodating space. Moreover, in Montoya et al., a second air baffle is used and dropped into the first air baffle for accommodating a thicker digital data storage device, as is shown in the second embodiment of Fig. 2 and column 3, line 64 - column 4, line 6.

The present invention, on the other hand, provides for the resilient members being formed on each of two sides of the drawer body and positioned between the two sides of the drawer body and the vibration absorption member. Meanwhile, the resilient member protrudes through the openings 131, for example, of the vibration absorption member to contact the fixing member so as to ground. Because the side of the drawer body, the resilient member and the vibration absorption member are assembled by openings such as 113 and 131 and fastening portions such as 133. This arrangement can be easily disassembled without tools, as discussed in the specification.

In contrast, the resilient members 150 in Montoya et al. are merely formed on one side of the drawer and the bent flexible sections of the resilient member 150 are positioned over the vibration absorption member 118. Furthermore, the grounding method of Montoya et al. is at the bent flexible sections directly contact fixing members to ground, and the bent flexible sections do not extend through openings of the vibration absorption members to contact fixing members. Moreover, the side of the drawer, the resilient members, and the vibration absorption member in Montoya et al. are assembled by screws and other more complicated arrangements. Accordingly,

tools are needed to assemble and disassemble the device. The present invention provides for a more convenient operation than that of Montoya et al.

Apart from independent claim 1, the dependent claims further define the instant invention from the utilized prior art. For example, dependent claim 11 recites that the resilient members on one side of each side of the drawer body are separated from one another. If element 150 of Montoya et al. were somehow considered to be a part of the resilient member, this is a continuous strip which is not separated on the side of the drawer.

Claim 12 recites that the drawers have an arcuate shape. Again, this is not found in the Montoya et al. reference. The Examiner considers elements 151 and 152 as the resilient elements. However, the elements 151 and 152 are not of an arcuate shape. This shape provides for a good contact arrangement.

Dependent claim 13 recites that the second openings have a size that the resilient members fill the second openings. Again, the rather large openings 155 and 156 are not filled in such a manner by the elements alleged to be resilient members in the Montoya et al. patent.

Dependent claims 14 and 16 recite that the fastening portions are rigidly and non-detachably mounted on the vibration absorption members. The detachable screws 125 of Montoya et al. are not permanently fixed thereon. Moreover, additional openings 120 and 121 are provided. Dependent claims 15 and 16 provide that the second openings are the only openings on the vibration absorption members.

Nonetheless, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 sets forth a drawer which is neither suggested nor rendered obvious by the utilized prior art. The secondary reference to Tanzer et al. does not overcome the above-noted deficiencies of the Montoya et al.

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patent. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(e) and 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

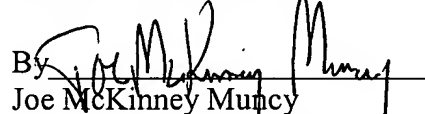
Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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